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Dear Sirs:

The Spanish Fork Ranger District is in the process of completing the environmental analysis of a proposed mining operation located up Gardner Canyon on the Uinta National Forest. The proposed operation is located in section 22 and 23 T. 12 S. R. 1 E. Salt Lake Meridian. The activity will occur within the boundaries of the Mount Nebo Wilderness on claims containing patented mineral rights. Initially, approximately two acres will be involved in the proposed operation which entails the development of an open pit to remove an estimated 30,000 tons of gypsum. Long term plans anticipate an increased annual removal of 100,000 tons. A total of 59 acres, more or less, are contained within the patented mineral rights. The ore would be mined with mechanized machinery, crushed on site and hauled from the site by truck. An existing road to the claims would be improved and used for access. Approximately one mile of this road is within the wilderness.

As part of the scoping process, we are contacting individuals who might have an interest in this activity. Any comments or issues you have should be sent to Thomas Tidwell, District Ranger, Spanish Fork Ranger District, 44 West 400 North, Spanish Fork, UT 84660. For additional information, please contact Mark Sensibaugh at 801-623-2735.

Sincerely,

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THOMAS L. TIDWELL  
District Ranger

